

on performance or misconduct. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 14th.

Pages H5390–H5417

Agreed to:

Miller (FL) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill and aligns the due process procedures for the recoupment provisions of the bill;

Pages H5404–05

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that adds Members of Congress to the reporting requirements;

Pages H5407–08

Takano amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–742), as modified, that adds section 8, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, to the bill;

Pages H5409–11

Newhouse amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that applies the statutory requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to emergency care furnished by the VA to enrolled veterans; requires every enrolled veteran who arrives at the emergency department of a VA medical facility, and indicates an emergency condition exists, be assessed and treated in an effort to prevent further injury or death;

Pages H5411–14

Takano amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that provides the sense of the Congress honoring American veterans disabled for life and encouraging Americans to do so each year;

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Takano amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that establishes positions of Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) in the VA's Office of Undersecretary for Health;

Pages H5415–16

Keating amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that directs healthcare providers with VA affiliation to take continuing education courses specific to pain management, opioids, and substance abuse; and

Pages H5416–17

Lowenthal amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or a designee to review covered whistleblower complaints quarterly.

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Withdrawn:

Schweikert amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required that the VA use distributive ledger technology when scheduling healthcare appointments to ensure transparency and accountability 1 year after enactment.

Pages H5414–15

Proceedings Postponed:

Walz amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to strike sections 2 through 8 and section 10;

Pages H5405–06

Takano amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to replace Section 3 with a new provision allowing the Secretary to suspend without pay any VA employee whose performance or misconduct threatens public health or safety, including the health and safety of veterans; and may remove a suspended employee after such investigation and review as the Secretary considers necessary, if the Secretary determines removal is in the interests of public health and safety; and

Pages H5406–07

Kuster amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to replace Section 7 with S. 2921 Section 113, which contains an improved process to expedite the removal or demotion of a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Pages H5408–09

H. Res. 859, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5620) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 241 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 499, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 498.

Pages H5357–64

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5362–63, H5363–64, H5364, H5364–65, H5385–86, H5386 and H5387. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: IMPROVING INNOVATION AND SUCCESS IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Improving Innovation and Success in Employment and Training Programs”. Testimony was heard from David Stillman, Assistant Secretary for the Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services, Olympia, Washington and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a markup on H.R. 2566, the “Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2669, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2015”. H.R. 2566 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 2669 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health concluded a markup on H.R. 4365, the “Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016”; H.R. 1192, the “National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act”; H.R. 1209, the “Improving Access to Maternity Care Act”; H.R. 1877, the “Mental Health First Aid”; and H.R. 2713, the “Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 4365, H.R. 1192, and H.R. 1877. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 1209 and H.R. 2713.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5983, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2016”. H.R. 5983 was ordered reported, as amended.

MOVING THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE: RE-EXAMINING THE DEFENSE-IN-DEPTH STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Moving the Line of Scrimmage: Re-examining the Defense-in-Depth Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Mark Morgan, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5065, the “Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act”; H.R. 5346, the “Securing our Agriculture and Food Act”; H.R. 5459, the “Cyber Preparedness Act of 2016”; H.R. 5460, the “First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act”; H.R. 5728, the “Cuban Airport Security Act of 2016”; H.R. 5843, the “United States-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2016”; H.R. 5859, the “Community Counterterrorism Preparedness Act”; H.R. 5877, the “United States-Israel Advanced Research Partnership Act of 2016”; H.R. 5943, the “Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5065, H.R. 5346, H.R. 5459, H.R. 5460, H.R. 5728, H.R. 5843, H.R. 5859, H.R. 5877, and H.R. 5943.

EXPLORING FEDERAL DIVERSITY JURISDICTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “Exploring Federal Diversity Jurisdiction”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Lee, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, Patent and Trademark Office.

REVIEWING THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH-ONLY WORKER PROGRAM IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110–229

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on reviewing the economic impacts from the implementation of the Commonwealth-only worker program in the Northern Mariana Islands under Public Law 110–229. Testimony was heard from Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and a public witness.

EXAMINING PRESERVATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT FEDERAL RECORDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee began a hearing entitled “Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “21st Century Conservation Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGULATORY INTEGRITY ACT OF 2016; A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OF ANY INDIVIDUAL DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5226, the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5351, to prohibit the transfer of any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a closed rule for H.R. 5351. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall

be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the Committee granted a structured rule for H.R. 5226. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–63 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walorski, Smith of Washington, Walberg, Clay, and Fleming.

PROTECTING THE 2016 ELECTIONS FROM CYBER AND VOTING MACHINE ATTACKS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting the 2016 Elections from Cyber and Voting Machine Attacks”. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Tom Schedler, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

THE CUMULATIVE BURDEN OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON SMALL CONTRACTORS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations; and Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a joint hearing entitled “The Cumulative Burden of President Obama’s Executive Orders on Small Contractors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BACK TO SCHOOL: A REVIEW OF TAX-EXEMPT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Back to School: A Review of Tax-Exempt College and University Endowments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the future of nuclear power, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on the Budget: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine protecting girls, focusing on global efforts to end child marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization expansion, focusing on the accession of Montenegro, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2796, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 2636, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to require mandatory approval of applications for land to be taken into trust if the land is wholly within a reservation, S. 3216, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”, S. 3222, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and S. 3300, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine protecting Internet freedom, focusing on the implications of ending United States oversight of the Internet, 10 a.m., SD–226.